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Ritter and Watts Inn  
Frostburg

1843

In 1843 the Ritter and Watts Inn in Frostburg was established as a very practical style of hostelry and provided accommodation for travelers of the nearby National Road. The foundation is constructed of stone and supports an "I" shaped frame structure, which has been covered with asbestos shingles and is two stories high and six bays wide including the side wing. The facade features one-over-one light windows and is covered by a replaced asphalt shingle, gabled roof.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ritter & Watts Inn

AND/OR COMMON

Rowe Apartments

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

61,63 Broadway

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ronald Rowe

Telephone #: 689-3613

STREET & NUMBER

41 Linden Street

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21532

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 472

Folio #: 737

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Ritter Watts Inn is located at 61, 63 Broadway in Frostburg, Allegany County on the northwest side of the street at the intersection of Frost Avenue.

The former inn basically consists of a two story, six bays wide "L" shaped structure, a central block with one wing. The building is a frame structure with plain wall features and covered with replaced asbestos siding. The facade is supported by a low stone foundation without a water table. The roof of the principal facade is gabled and is covered by replaced asphalt shingles as well as the gable roof of the wing forming the "L" of the structure. Windows in the structure all feature double hung wooden sash frames with one-over-one lights and plain trim. Windows on the principal facade feature a pediment, and the front face of this main block exhibit windows grouped in twos and are evenly divided across the facade. The main entrances are located on the front southeast face of the structure. One entrance opens to the main facade; the other to the wing, and both display a transom and transom light. The entrances are covered by a three bay end porch with hip roof supported by cushion columns and brick supports and the porch is banistered. In the front gable is found a small gothic sash window with one-over-one lights. One corbeled brick chimney is located on the end of the wing and appears to be original.

The building appears structurally sound but alterations have been made on the interior when renovated for apartments.

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## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES Mid 19th century 1843 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The old Ritter and Watts Inn is a mid nineteenth century hostelry which offered the traveler lodging and board for overnight accommodations. The building is representative of the utilitarian type of architecture with little decoration that was used for less fashionable hotels. A useful structure in its day, the building has been converted for apartments by the present owner and the exterior is in need of repair. It would certainly enhance the beauty of the structure and the architectural heritage of Frostburg if the exterior of the building was restored to original appearance.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 63.6' x 63'

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

61, 63 Broadway

Boundary Lines Southeast & Northwest 63' Lines South West &  
Northeast 63.6'

## LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

John E. Nelson, Program Coordinator of All. Co. Historic Sites

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

4/21/76

STREET &amp; NUMBER

10 Park Lane

TELEPHONE

689-8486

CITY OR TOWN

Frostburg

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-011-A-022

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DATE: 4/15/76

63.6' x 63'

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor - Interior - Now Apartments

NAME OF PROPERTY: Ritter and Watts Inn

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 61-63 Broadway

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: Southeast

NAME OF OWNER: Ronald Rowe

ADDRESS: 41 Linden St  
Frostburg, MD. 21532

STORIES: 1( ) 2(☒) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6(☒) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: Porch Addition

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) - Central Block - one wing

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

Asbestos Siding

- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
( ) LOG  
(☒) Other: Coverings Siding - Asbestos

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS Plain

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(☒) 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
Plain Trim pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment (☒)

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: Southeast

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

With Verticle Window

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(☒) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, BANGARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, FORMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced(☒)

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(☒) gable( ) 3 Bay End Porch - Cushion Columns

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(☒) STONE( ) CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced( )

LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end(☒) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - Apartments

Significance - Arch

Date Constructed - 1843

Condition - Fair

Key points regarding interior architecture. *Interior Remodeled  
for 'apartments*

1. Floor plan

No through hall--How many rooms long and deep?  
Where is stairway? Straight or winding?

With through hall--Rooms on both sides? How many?

Rooms on one side only? How many?

Is stair in through hall?

Open or enclosed? Straight--one run. Straight--landing

How many? Curved.

If not in hall, where is stair?

2. Wall finish: plaster, paneled, board partition  
Note presence of chair rail, cornice, etc.

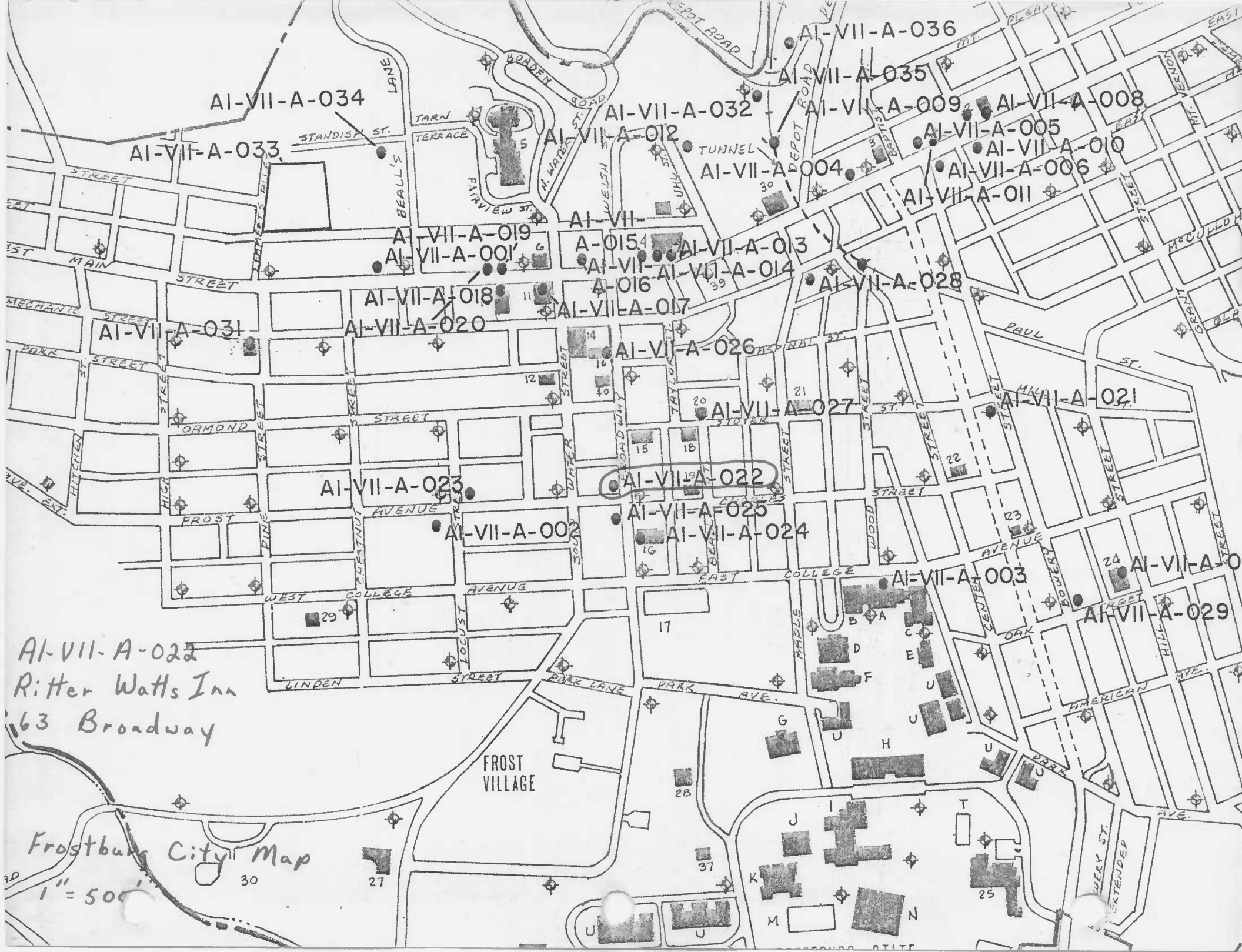
3. Fireplaces: How many? Parallel to walls or diagonal in corner?

Mantels: wood--mouldings, pilasters, columns  
masonry--marble(what color?), brick

3. Doors: on the inside of exterior doors, note the presence of applied flush boards and their direction (diagonal, vertical, horizontal). In general are doors paneled or ledge or other?

4. Door and window trim: plain, architrave; fluted, reeded; pilasters

5. Kitchen: Where is original if extant or known (marked by very large fireplace)? Separate building; wing to principal dwelling; within principal dwelling? On which floor of any of the above?



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STANDISH ST.

TARN TERRACE

FAIRVIEW ST.

AI-VII-A-012

AI-VII-A-032

AI-VII-A-036

AI-VII-A-035

AI-VII-A-009

AI-VII-A-008

AI-VII-A-005

AI-VII-A-010

AI-VII-A-006

AI-VII-A-011

AI-VII-A-019

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AI-VII-A-016

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AI-VII-A-020

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AI-VII-A-026

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Ritter Watts Inn  
63 Broadway

Frostburg City Map

1" = 500'

FROST VILLAGE





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North



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West